

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace any previous listing of the claims with the following replacement listing of the claims:

Replacement Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A grill comprising:

a platen;

~~a temperature sensor disposed in thermal contact with said platen;~~

a heater box disposed in physical contact with one side of said platen, thereby defining a cooking area of said platen, wherein said cooking area has a central portion and a portion which is remote from said central portion; and

a temperature sensor disposed to sense temperature of said central portion of said cooking area of said platen;

a heater that is disposed in said heater box and that has a structure that provides maximum heat to said remote portion and minimal heat to said central portion such in a manner that during a pre-heat mode or a recovery mode said cooking area of said platen attains a substantially uniform temperature before said temperature sensor senses a set temperature, which ends a~~said~~ pre-heat mode or a said recovery mode.

- 2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The grill of claim 1, wherein said heater is selected from the group that consists of: gas heater and electric heater.
5. (Currently amended) The grill of claim 31, wherein said heater comprises a gas burner having a first group of ports disposed to provide said minimal heat and a second group of ports disposed to provide said maximal heat.
6. (Original) The grill of claim 5, wherein said second group has more ports than said first group.
7. (Original) The grill of claim 1, wherein said heater comprises a gas burner that has a surface in which an array of ports is disposed in column sequences that are separated by rows.
8. (Original) The grill of claim 7, wherein each of said column sequences includes a plurality of ports, and wherein each of said rows includes a plurality of said ports.
9. (Original) The grill of claim 8, wherein said column sequences and rows define first and second groups that are disposed inside said vicinity and outside said vicinity, respectively.
10. (Original) The grill of claim 9, wherein said first group has a smaller number of ports per row than said second group.
11. (Original) The grill of claim 1, wherein said temperature sensor is disposed in a shield and separated therefrom by an air gap.
12. (Currently amended) The grill of claim 21, wherein said heater comprises an electrical heater having a first electrical element and a second electrical

element disposed to provide said minimal heat and said maximal heat, respectively.

13. (Original) The grill of claim 12, wherein adjacent runs of said first electrical element have a larger spacing than adjacent runs of said second electrical element.

14. (Original) The grill of claim 13, wherein said temperature sensor is disposed in a shield and separated therefrom by an air gap.

15. (Currently amended) A grill comprising:

a platen;

a plurality of heater boxes disposed on one side of said platen in an arrangement that provides a plurality of heating zones for said platen; and

separate heaters disposed in said heater boxes, wherein said heater boxes are configured to have minimal heat migration therebetween so that said heating zones are capable of independent heating control for operation separately or in any combination thereof, and wherein each of said heater boxes comprises an insulation liner to minimize heat transfer to a neighboring heater box.

16. (Original) The grill of claim 15, wherein each of said heater boxes is separated from a neighboring heater box by an air gap.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The grill of claim 15, wherein each of said heaters comprises a gas burner or an electrical heater.

19. (Previously presented) The grill of claim 18, wherein each of said gas burners has a rectangular shape and a rectangular cross-section.
20. (Currently amended) The grill of claim 19, wherein said platen has a flat surface~~is flat~~.
21. (Previously presented) The grill of claim 18, wherein each of said gas burners has a surface in which an array of ports is disposed in column sequences that are separated by rows.
22. (Original) The grill of claim 21, wherein each of said column sequences includes a plurality of ports, and wherein each of said rows includes a plurality of said ports.
23. (Original) The grill of claim 15, wherein said heaters define separate ones of said zones, and wherein the heater disposed in a first one of said heater boxes is arranged to provide minimal and maximum heat to first and second portions, respectively, of said platen in a first of one of said zones corresponding to said first heater box.
24. (Original) The grill of claim 23, further comprising a temperature sensor disposed in said first heater box, and wherein said first portion of said platen is in the vicinity of said temperature sensor and said second portion of said platen is outside said vicinity.
25. (Canceled)
26. (Currently amended) The grill of claim ~~24~~23, wherein each of said heaters comprises a gas burner having a first group of ports disposed to provide said minimal heat and a second group of ports disposed to provide said maximal heat.

27. (Original) The grill of claim 26, wherein said second group has more ports than said first group.

28. (Previously presented) The grill of claim 24, wherein each of said heaters comprises a gas burner that has a surface in which an array of ports is disposed in column sequences that are separated by rows.

29. (Original) The grill of claim 28, wherein each of said column sequences includes a plurality of ports, and wherein each of said rows includes a plurality of said ports.

30. (Original) The grill of claim 29, wherein said column sequences and rows define first and second groups that are disposed inside said vicinity and outside said vicinity, respectively.

31. (Original) The grill of claim 30, wherein said first group has a smaller number of ports per row than said second group.

32. (Original) The grill of claim 15, wherein said temperature sensor is disposed in a shield and separated therefrom by an air gap.

33. (Previously presented) The grill of claim 15, wherein each of said heaters comprises an electrical heater having a first electrical element and a second electrical element disposed to provide said minimal heat and said maximal heat, respectively.

34. (Original) The grill of claim 33, wherein adjacent runs of said first electrical element have a larger spacing than adjacent runs of said second electrical element.

35. (Original) The grill of claim 33, wherein said temperature sensor is disposed in a shield and separated therefrom by an air gap.

36. (New) A grill comprising:

a grill surface;

a gas burner disposed to provide heat to said grill surface, wherein said gas burner comprises a surface in which an array of ports is disposed in column sequences that are separated by rows.

37. (New) The grill of claim 36, wherein each of said column sequences includes a plurality of ports, and wherein each of said rows includes a plurality of ports.

38. (New) The grill of claim 37, wherein said gas burner is disposed to provide minimal and maximum heat to first and second portions, respectively, of said grill surface.

39. (New) The grill of claim 38, further comprising a temperature sensor disposed to sense temperature of the heat provided by said gas burner, and wherein said first portion of said grill surface is in the vicinity of said temperature sensor and said second portion of said grill surface is outside said vicinity.

40. (New) The grill of claim 39, wherein said column sequences and rows define first and second groups that are disposed inside said vicinity and outside said vicinity, respectively.

41. (New) The grill of claim 40, wherein said first group has a smaller number of ports per row than said second group.

42. (New) The grill of claim 36, wherein said grill surface is a surface of a platen.

43. (New) A grill comprising:

a grill surface;

an electrical heater comprising a first electrical element and a second electrical element disposed to provide minimal and maximum heat to first and second portions, respectively, of said grill surface.

44. (New) The grill of claim 43, wherein adjacent runs of said first electrical element have a larger spacing than adjacent runs of said second electrical element.

45. (New) The grill of claim 43, further comprising a temperature sensor disposed to sense heat provided by said electrical heater, wherein said temperature sensor is disposed in a shield and separated therefrom by an air gap.

46. (New) A grill comprising:

a grill surface;

a heater disposed to provide minimal and maximum heat to first and second portions, respectively, of said grill surface; and

a temperature sensor disposed to sense a temperature of heat provided by said heater, and wherein said first portion of said grill surface is in a vicinity of said temperature sensor and said second portion of said grill surface is outside said vicinity.

47. (New) The grill of claim 43, wherein said temperature sensor is disposed in a shield and separated therefrom by an air gap.